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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Your Lunch with Sam Wilson Today

1. I mentioned to you at the morning meeting and subsequently after the meeting my concern about the various signs that DIA is moving toward withdrawing support to NPIC, possibly with the longer range plan of abandoning the NPIC concept altogether. My major concerns are:

a. The recent DIA reorganization which places DIA national group PI's as well as DI-8, the PI detachment located in [REDACTED]

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b. Their total unresponsiveness to meeting their commitment for [REDACTED] additional personnel for the national group.

c. Several comments that Bob Inman has made to me in the recent past about a need to examine the NPIC concept. You may recall he made some oblique reference to this at a CFI meeting last fall.

2. John Hicks is concerned that over time [REDACTED] will be trading PI resources for analytical resources. There is no firm evidence to this effect nor has anything to date happened which would indicate a move in this direction, but nonetheless John judges it as a very real possibility. DIA continues to complain that they are not getting their just portion of the national resources.

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3. After the morning meeting, I talked at some length with John Hicks about the question I raised on the quality of DIA personnel. John gives [REDACTED] higher marks than I do. The DD/NPIC is an 06 billet as it has been from the beginning and John does not feel that there has been any

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degradation in the people DIA has placed in that billet. However, John and I both agree that the billet should be upgraded to a general officer rank and staffed with a one-star level officer or at least a colonel level officer who has every prospect of making that rank.

4. The DIA civilian personnel have not changed in the last several years except for several that have been reassigned out of the national group and not replaced. The young officers that rotate through the national group in John's judgment, remain relatively high caliber.

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6. I am very anxious to get together with you along with John Hicks to discuss NPIC's organization and its future. The sooner we can have this discussion, the better, particularly in the light of the IC Staff desires to reassign some of the COMIREX staff assets in light of their new congressional T.O.

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